

Amendments to the Specification:

On Page 1, line 1: Delete the paragraph which reads "1. TITLE."

On Page 1, line 2: Please replace the paragraph that starts with the words "Pre-filled columns" with a new paragraph as follows:

**Pre-Filled Columns for Flash Chromatography and for Solid-Phase
Extraction with Higher Separating Efficiency**

On page 1, line 5: Please replace the paragraph that reads "II. DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION" with a new paragraph as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On Page 1, line 7: Please delete the text which reads "II.1" as follows:

~~II.1~~ Field of the Invention

On Page 1, Line 9: Please replace "SPE" with new text as follows:

~~SPE~~ solid phase extraction (SPE)

On Page 1, line 17: Please delete the text which reads "II.2" as follows:

~~II.2~~ State of the Art of Flash Chromatography

On Page 1, Line 34: Please replace text including the symbol " μ " with new symbol " μm " as follows:

~~40-60 μ or 20-40 μ~~ 40-60 μm or 20-40 μm

On Page 2, line 3: Before the line which begins "In the new invention" please insert a new paragraph as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On Page 2, line 5: After the paragraph which ends "low working counter-pressure" please insert a new paragraph as follows:

According to one aspect of the invention, there are provided columns for flash chromatography and SPE with spherical and porous silica gel that have granules comprised between 3 and 45 μ m and pores comprised between 30 and 300Å.
According to another aspect of the invention, there are provided columns for flash chromatography and SPE with semi-spherical and porous silica gel having granules comprised between 3 and 45 μ m and pores comprised between 30 and 300Å.

On Page 2, line 7: Please replace the paragraph that starts with the words "III. DESCRIPTION OF THE" with a new paragraph as follows:

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE MANUFACTURE OF PRE-FILLED COLUMNS FOR FLASH CHROMATOGRAPHY AND SPE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

On Page 2, line 27: Please replace the symbol " μ " with a new symbol " μ m" as follows:

~~25-40 μ~~ 25-40 μ m

On Page 4, line 16: After the paragraph that ends with the words "separating power": Please insert the following new paragraph:

Although specific embodiments of the invention have been described and illustrated, the invention is not to be limited to the specific forms or arrangements of parts so described and illustrated. The invention is limited only by the claims.